

Monopoly of media is not good for democracy

Dear Commissioners:

RE: Docket # 02-277

Carefully consider what you are doing. Allowing a few corporate conglomerates, who also have diverse commercial interests and powerful influence already, control over the airways--gives a few individuals an inordinate amount of power within our society. To me, this is the groundwork for setting up tyranny.

This is not a trivial matter. And the fact that it is being rushed through, is nothing less than an atrocity. The people need to know this. And please tell me why most people are uninformed. It is because the present gatekeepers are not allowing them to know.

A functioning democracy needs exactly the opposite. We need to be informed. We could have a thousand t.v. and radio outlets in our community, but if they are all saying the same thing, giving us limited information and debate, then the word "democracy" become a meaningless and empty slogan, completely without reality.

You will be remembered for what you do. Please be remembered as men of conscience, and do the right thing for democracy.

Sincerely, Eleanor S. Kirby